



**US Sailing Athlete Selection System and Requirements**  
**2026 Offshore Double Handed World**  
**Championships**  
**Marseille,**  
**France**  
**September 23-**  
**October 2, 2026**

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The Notice of Race (NOR) for this event has been published by CNTL Marseille in agreement with World Sailing and is available at this [LINK](#).

**Definition of a Prospective Athlete**

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2026 Double Handed Offshore World Championship (ODHWC).

**Athlete Eligibility**

- **Gender**
  - The regatta is only open to mixed two person crews of 1 Woman and 1 Man. US Sailing and World Sailing policies apply. Please refer to the World Sailing Transgender Policy <https://www.sailing.org/document/mym24-council-agenda-item-8a-transgender-policy/>
- **Citizenship**
  - Athletes must be a national of the United States and present proof of nationality (passport) or have an approved exemption and provide proof of said exemption at the time of selection. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality, or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).
  - The athlete's passport shall not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2026 Offshore Double Handed World Championship.
- **World Sailing ID**
  - All prospective athletes shall have a registered '[World Sailor ID](#)' on the World Sailing website.
  - If athlete does not have a previously assigned World Sailing Sailor ID, apply [HERE](#)
- **US Sailing Membership**
  - Competitors must have a current US Sailing individual or family membership in good standing and shall not be otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations,



policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations. Join or Renew:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/membership/>

- **Additional Eligibility Requirements**

- Prospective athletes must meet all the eligibility requirements in the 2026 Offshore Double Handed World Championship [NOR](#).
- Upon nomination by the ISC, both athletes on the team will be required to sign a US Sailing Code of Conduct (to be provided to team upon notification by ISC).



## Equipment

SunFast 30 OD Class (supplied by OA)

## USA Selection for the Offshore Double Handed Worlds

US Sailing's ISC will select one team of two eligible prospective athletes for the double-handed class to represent the United States at the 2026 Offshore Double Handed World Championship and select an additional team should a second MNA entry be offered to the USA.

- Selection will be based by resume, on the application submitted and supporting information within that application including performance at previous double-handed events

Eligible athletes must submit their application by midnight EDT Friday, June 6, 2026, by 11:59 PM EDT via [this form](#)

To be considered, athletes must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Athlete Eligibility section of this document. Athletes will be informed of the selection decision no later than Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Athletes are encouraged to contact [Offshore@ussailing.org](mailto:Offshore@ussailing.org) with any questions.

## Substitutions

- Should both selected athletes in a double-handed boat be unable to compete, the next highest-ranking team on the ISC evaluation list will be selected. Should only one of the selected athletes (either skipper or crew) be unable to compete after selection, a substitute athlete may be approved by the ISC.
- Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the ISC by contacting: [Offshore@USSailing.org](mailto:Offshore@USSailing.org)
- The ISC reserves the right to reject the request and select the next highest-ranking team.

## Athlete Conduct

Any athlete found to violate the US Sailing Code of Conduct at any time from the time of nomination through the commencement of 2026 Offshore Double Handed World Championship may not be eligible to represent the USA at the 2026 Offshore Double Handed World Championship. All decisions related to an Athlete's violation(s) of the US Sailing Code of Conduct and an athlete's eligibility to compete at 2026 Offshore Double Handed World Championship will be made by US Sailing based on the procedures defined in the US Sailing Bylaws and Regulations.

## Athlete Ombudsman

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact either of the following:

- US Sailing Athlete Ombudsman, Bob Lane



- [rlane@hmallc.com](mailto:rlane@hmallc.com)
- USOPC Ombuds, Kacie Wallace
  - [kacie@usathlete.org](mailto:kacie@usathlete.org)
  - 719-866-2299
  - Toll-free telephone | 1-(888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
  - <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>



## Disclaimer

The Selection Criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

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